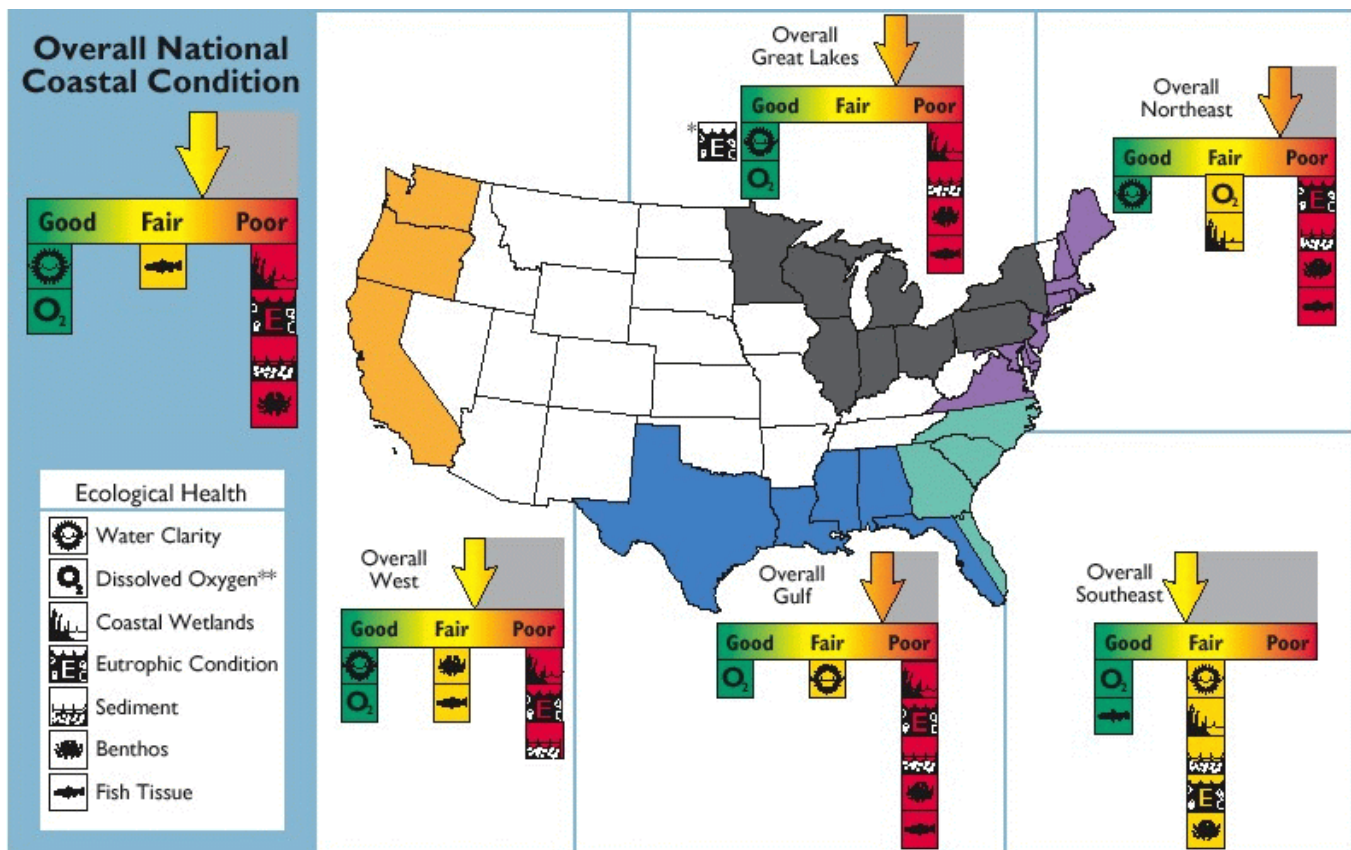




NATIONAL COASTAL CONDITION

In the past several years, EPA has made significant progress in better defining coastal pollution problems and developing stronger coastal research and monitoring plans. EPA participates in a number of different programs to help protect and restore our ocean and coastal waters. While significant progress has been made in controlling sources of pollution, many challenges remain. Future successes will come from good science, working closely with our partners and stakeholders, focusing our efforts using a watershed approach, and effectively applying our regulatory authorities.

The *National Coastal Condition Report* is just one of many EPA efforts focused on improving the health of our ocean and coastal waters. The *Report*, describes the ecological and environmental conditions in U.S. coastal waters while presenting a broad baseline picture of the overall condition as fair to poor, varying from region to region. This *Report* will serve as a useful benchmark for measuring progress in coastal programs in the future. This *Report* presents a coordinated effort among EPA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For a copy of the *National Coastal Condition Report*, visit EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/nccr/index.html>.



* No indicator data available.

** Does not include the hypoxic zone in offshore Gulf of Mexico waters.

NOTE: Overall conditions are shown for each coastal region (e.g., purple represents the northeast coast).